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when the king comes a-hunting. This is one of the best of the new books for children.

The yearly reappearance of our old friend* in new clothes might well serve as text for a sermon to publishers who firmly believe that nothing good will sell. Here is a good book full of heavy theological doctrine, human character, ingenious device, a mine of information on manners, morals, life, which no boy will turn from if it is offered between the ages of seven and twelve. Scott, with his learning and detail, may pall, but Robinson Crusoe is as alive to-day as ever he was. The pictures are eminently good.

The daughter of Walter Crane,† who translated for her father's pictures so many of the Grimm tales, has here made a selection of the thirteen of the tales for very little children. The pictures are far enough from being like those of Walter Crane, but they are better than average, and the binding is perfectly right for the book. It is an ideal volume for the youngest group in the nursery.

A new edition of this fresh and delightful classic‡ cannot but be hailed with joy. Nowhere else in the realm of child literature are there such enchanting creatures as Paul and Fiammetta. Mrs. Harker adds a few new chapters to this edition, and the old ones retain all the vitality and charm of the "real thing" in the repeated reading. We wonder whether the little plot-like excitement in the last two chapters was, perhaps, added at the suggestion of the publisher. We will not say that it gives a touch of the commonplace, but it does detract just a little from the high and rare distinction of Mrs. Harker's most exquisite writing. A publisher's advice is invaluable to the manufacturers of "best sellers," but let the maker of literature always regard him as a terrifying jabberwock!

* "Robinson Crusoe." By Daniel Defoe. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin Co., 1909.

† "Grimm's Animal Stories." Translated by Lucy Crane with pictures by John Rae. New York: Duffield & Co., 1909.

‡ "A Romance of the Nursery." By L. Allen Harker. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1909.